

Letter from Hitler to Karl Brandt

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[Letterhead : A. HITLER]

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Reichsleiter Bouhler and Dr. Brandt, M. D., are charged with the responsibility of enlarging the authority of certain physicians to be designated by name in such a manner that persons who, according to human judgment, are incurable can, upon a most careful diagnosis of their condition of sickness, be accorded a mercy death.

[Signed] A. HITLER

[Handwritten note] Given to me by Bouhler on 27 August 1940 [Signed] DR. GUERTNER

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